

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**  
**Senate Executive Committee**  
Minutes  
Monday, November 10, 2014

Present: Chair Roy Campbell, Vice Chair Kim Graber, Abbas Aminmansour, Nicholas Burbules, John Hart, Matthew Hill, Prasanta Kalita, Calvin Lear, Melissa Madsen, William Maher, Mary Mallory, Gay Miller, Michael Sandretto, Joyce Tolliver

Absent: David O'Brien, Kevin Seymour

Guests: Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Ilesanmi Adesida, Associate Chancellor Reginald Alston, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Academic Policies Abbas Benmamoun, Associate Provost for Administrative Affairs Kathrine Galvin Equal Opportunity and Inclusion Committee Chair Harry Hilton

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A regular meeting of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) was called to order at 3:14 pm on Monday, November 10, 2014 in 232 English Building, with Chair Campbell presiding.

**1. Introductions**

Introductions were made.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from October 6, 2014 were approved as written.

**3. Chair's Remarks (R. Campbell)**

Chair Campbell indicated that the proposed College of Medicine proposal will not be discussed at the November Senate meeting due to the unavailability of Chancellor Phyllis Wise and Provost Adesida to be present at the meeting. Several Senate committees will continue to review the Memorandum of Understanding and governance structure for the proposed College of Medicine.

Provost Communications #26 and #27 will go to the November Senate meeting as informational items.

**4. Chancellor's Remarks (I. Adesida)**

Adesida gave remarks on behalf of Chancellor Phyllis Wise. Adesida reported that last week a workshop was held at the National Taiwan University. The workshop is an opportunity to discover new areas of collaboration and to collaborate worldwide with key institutions.

The proposal to create a College of Medicine is the next level Adesida sees the campus aspiring to. Adesida noted that the Urbana campus needs to have a discussion with the Chicago campus regarding the current Chicago College of Medicine program housed on the Urbana campus and how to move forward. Tolliver mentioned a proposal from a Chicago campus Dean to the Board of Trustees that included language indicating that the Urbana campus should not have a College of Medicine.

**5. Executive Session**

A motion was made, seconded, and approved by voice to move into executive session at 4:06 pm to review previously closed sessions.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved by voice to move out of executive session at 4:52 pm.

Lear moved that the audio files from the closed sessions on May 14, 2012; July 2, 2012; May 13, 2013; May 20, 2013; and July 11, 2013 remain closed. The motion was seconded and passed by voice.

Maher moved that the audio files from the closed sessions on March 5, 2012; February 11, 2013; and April 28, 2014 remain closed and subject to discussion within one year from today. The motion was seconded and passed by voice.

**6. Setting of the Senate Agenda**

Galvin noted that the reports for information on Provost Communications #26 and #27 were to make everyone aware that the new Provost Communications are now posted on the Office of the Provost website. Communication #26 is the same promotional process outlined for non-tenure track faculty that is currently included in Communication #9. Communication #9 will remain as written so those units that have a current process in place can continue with their current process. The Office of the Provost is working with human resource office to make sure that units have processes written and in place. Eventually Communication #9 will be revised to remove the promotional process outlined for non-tenure track faculty since the promotional process is now in Communication #26.

Benmamoun noted that Provost Communication #27 addresses shared governance guidelines and best practices for faculty mentoring. Benmamoun invited suggestions and also noted the Provost Communications are reviewed every summer. The information in Communication #27 will be included in new executive officers packets and existing executive officers will also be made aware of the new Communication #27.

Tolliver suggested that former Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure (AFT) Chair Eric Johnson be invited to the November 17 Senate meeting. Johnson served as chair when the original proposal to amend the academic freedom and tenure sections of the *Statutes* were originally brought forward to the Senate and may be able to answer questions about the proposal that might arise.

Burbules moved approval of the November 17, 2014 Senate agenda as amended. Graber seconded the motion and the November 17, 2014 Senate agenda was approved by voice as amended.

**7. New Business**

None

**8. Announcements/Verbal Reports for Information**

Hart, Chair of the Senate Committee on Information Technology (IT), reported that the IT Committee has drafted a proposed solution to discuss Senate committee business via email and believes the proposal is in the spirit of the Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA). Hart reported that the Office of University Counsel has not rejected the proposal at this time. The proposal indicated that emails from committee members will be posted on a website. In order to conduct discussions between scheduled committee meetings, the committee would move into a committee off the whole discussion at the end of the meeting instead of adjourning. No actions would be taken via email and the email discussion would be available publicly online. SEC members were receptive to the idea Hart described. Tolliver made a motion that the proposal be referred to the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP) as soon as the IT Committee approves the proposal. The motion was seconded and passed by voice.

Aminmansour reported that a campus electronics communication policy would soon be finalized. This policy has been worked on over the past several years. Policies from various documents were compiled into one document. Once approved, the policy will be forwarded to the Office of the Provost for implementation. The revised version of the policy has the support of the AAUP (American Association of University Professors), unlike the previous proposed policy.

Aminmansour also noted that the Seventh Senate Review Commission plans to have a final report submitted for inclusion the December 8 Senate meeting. Aminmansour and Graber have been working on a final draft.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.

Jenny Roether  
Clerk of the Senate